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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARDS FOR AMBASSADOR'S  
RESIDENCE - ACCRA

REF: A) ACCRA 5184; B) STATE 191433; C) ABIDJAN 6761;  
D) ABIDJAN 6770; E) ACCRA 5307

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1. SY IS ARRANGING FOR THE TDY ASSIGNMENT OF THREE MARINES  
TO ACCRA TO PROVIDE SECURITY COVERAGE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S  
RESIDENCE TO MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS RESULTING FROM WITHDRAWAL  
OF HOST GOVERNMENT PROTECTION. SY WILL SUBSEQUENTLY ASSIGN  
ADDITIONAL WATCHSTANDERS TO ACCRA SO THAT A PERMANENT POST  
CAN BE ESTABLISHED AT THE RESIDENCE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
MARINE POST AT THE RESIDENCE, THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES

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SHOULD BE CONSIDERED:

A. MARINE SECURITY GUARDS ARE NORMALLY ASSIGNED TO RESIDENCE DUTY TO MEET A SPECIFIC THREAT.

B. WHEN A MARINE POST IS ESTABLISHED AT A RESIDENCE IT IS

AN INTERIOR POST. THE POST IS THE FOCAL POINT FOR RELAYING INFORMATION TO AND FROM POST NO. ONE AT EMBASSY REGARDING ANY SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS AT THE RESIDENCE.

C. THE MARINE WOULD SUPERVISE AND CONTROL LOCAL GUARDS WHOSE DUTIES WOULD BE TO PATROL THE RESIDENCE GROUNDS AND MAINTAIN ENTRANCE CONTROLS TO THE GROUNDS.

D. THE MARINE WOULD EXERCISE CONTROL OVER VISITORS, DELIVERIES, AND VEHICLES ENTERING THE RESIDENCE. HE WOULD ALSO MONITOR ALARMS, GATE CONTROL DEVICES AND CLOSED CIRCUIT TVS AT THE RESIDENCE.

E. IN THE EVENT OF AN ATTEMPT BY PERSONS WITH ILL INTENT TO BREACH THE PERIMETER OR RESIDENCE ITSELF, THE MARINE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ALERT THE EMBASSY AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR ASSISTANCE AND TO OFFER THE AMBASSADOR AND HER FAMILY ARMED, PERSONAL PROTECTION.

3. THE UTILIZATION OF A LONE MARINE AT THE RESIDENCE WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL GUARDS TO PATROL THE RESIDENCE GROUNDS AND MAINTAIN ENTRANCE CONTROLS REPRESENTS A MORE APPARENT THAN REAL DETERENT. THE MARINE COULD ONLY EFFECTIVELY CONTROL ACCESS TO THE RESIDENCE ITSELF, LEAVING THE VITAL OUTER PERIMETERS OF THE RESIDENCE WITHOUT PROTECTION. IT IS REALIZED THAT LOCAL GUARDS IN AFRICA ARE NORMALLY MUCH LESS THAN AN ALERT FORCE, HOWEVER, UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF A MARINE WATCHSTANDER THEIR PERFORMANCE SHOULD IMPROVE.

4. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, THE DEPARTMENT URGES THAT THE EMBASSY CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE LOCAL CONSTABLE(S) BY THE HOST GOVERNMENT. THE EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE HIRING OF LOCAL GUARDS. SISCO  
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